Inventory of Ames Textual Records at NARA Archives II

NASA (and NACA) records comprise Record Group 255 at NARA. There are two groups of textual records from Ames within the NACA records at the NARA Archives II facility in College Park, Maryland:

- Three boxes of research authorizations (described in RG255.2.2 below)--primarily correspondence between NACA headquarters and Ames about funding research during World War II.
- Six boxes of materials (part of RG255.4.1 described below) sent to NACA headquarters from the new Ames Aeronautical Laboratory. Most of these records originated from public affairs officers.

RG 255 holds many other records that indirectly address Ames, as part of the general administrative records of the NACA. This collection includes the biographical files of NACA leaders. A paper finding aid is available in the Archives II reading room.

Folder List of RG 255.2.2: Entry 19

Ames Research Authorizations

Box 1

- 1 AAL Miscellaneous
- 2 122.1 AAL Administration, Policy and Procedures
- 3 122.22 Administration and Service Buildings
- 4 122.32 Schedules of Tests, 1949-52
- 5 122 AAL
- 6 Ames Site Selection, 1939

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- 1 122.33 Closed Research Authorizations
- 2 122.33 (A4) Inv. Full Span Flaps on Consolidated XB-32 Model
- 3 122.33 Ames Research Authoizations (Misc.)
- 4 122.33 (A-15) Balanced Control Services
- 5 122.33 (A-26) Ice Prevention on Boeing B-17F by means of heated surfaces
- 6 122.33 (A-41) Duct Design and Characteristics of Ryan XFR-1
- 7 122.33 (A-99) W.T. Inv. Aerodynamic Characteristics of North American XP-82 Airplane

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- 1 122.33 (A-143) YP-80 Airplane
- 2 122.33 (A-117) Thermal Ice Prevention Requirements of Lockheed P-38 Airplane at High Speeds
- 3 122.33 (A-69) Device for Reducing Forces on an Airplane Control Stick
- 4 122.33 (A-184) Fundamental Study of Wing Leading Edge Inlets
- 5 122.33 (A-164) Inv. Compressibility Effects on Overhang-Type Control Balance
- 6 122.33 (A-205)

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- 1 22-1 Site for Ames, 1939
- 2 20-3 Aeronautical Research Facilities, Special Survey Committee on
- 3 22-1 Field Station General, 1940
- 4 22-1 Ames Laboratory, 1938-1940
- 5 Ames and Edwards
- 6 AAL, 1940-

Box 2

- 1 Moffett News, Dec. 21, 1945 -- June 1944
- 2 Moffett News, 1946
- 3 Editorials/Clippings on Sunnyvale Selection

Box 3

- 1 Ames Press Releases, 1949
- 2 Ames Press Releases, 1950
- 3 Ames Newspaper Clippings, 1951
- 4 Ames TV Show, Science in Action (1951)
- 5 Ames Releases, 1952
- 6 Ames Clippings, 1952
- 7 Ames Clippings, 1953
- 8 Ames Clippings, 1954
- 9 Ames Clippings, 1955
- 10 Ames Clippings, 1956
- 11 Ames Clippings, 1957
- 12 Ames Wind Tunnel, Life Magazine Article
- 13 Ames Laboratory

Box 4 [Don C. Wiley, AAL Aviation Information Specialist]

- 1 Wiley, January-June 1949
- 2 Wiley, July-December 1949
- 3 Wiley, January-June 1950
- 4 Wiley Reports
- 5 Wiley, June-December 1950

Box 5

- 1 Wiley Reports 1951
- 2 Wiley, January-June 1951
- 3 Wiley, July-December 1951
- 4 Wiley, January-June 1952
- 5 Wentz Reports 1952 [Daniel S. Wentz II, AAL Aeronautical Information Specialist]
- 6 Wentz, January-June 1952
- 7 Wentz, July-December 1952
- 8 Ames Correspondence, January-June 1953
- 9 Ames Correspondence, July-December 1953
- 10 Ames Correspondence, January-June 1954
- 11 Ames Correspondence, July-December 1954

Box 6

- 1 Special to AeroDigest on Ames Inspection, 7-26-50
- 2 Ames 1952 Inspection, Press Releases
- 3 Releases, Ames Inspection 1955
- 4 Ames Inspection Brochure
- 5 Ames 1958 Triennial Inspection, Dr. Dryden

Box 6A

- 1 AAL Bluebook [clippings 1940-1946]
- 2 Ames Dedication Photographs [mostly clippings]
- 3 Ames Light Gas Handouts
- 4 Photographs of Light Gas Gun